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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, AS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CALL BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM ON PRESIDENT FORD

1. PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM TOLD DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ZURHELLEN AND ME THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL BRIEFLY ON PRESIDENT FORD MAY 7 OR 8. WHITLAM WILL ATTEND COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN JAMAICA ENDING MAY 6 AND PROPOSES TO MAKE INFORMAL STOPOVER IN WASHINGTON BEFORE RETURN AUSTRALIA IF PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT A CALL. HE ASKED THAT WE INQUIRE FOR HIM.

2. I RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT AGREE TO RECEIVE WHITLAM. WE HAVE MADE IMPORTANT PROGRESS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH LABOR GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY IN ESSENTIAL DEFENSE MATTERS. WHILE THERE REMAINS SOME POSSIBILITY OF ELECTIONS IN AUSTRALIA THIS SPRING, I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE DECISIVE FACTOR. (IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF AUSTRALIAN POLITICS, WHITLAM TOLD ME -- I BELIEVE QUITE FRANKLY-- THAT HE NO LONGER EXPECTS AN ELECTION THIS YEAR.) BELIEVE IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO CONFIRM WORKING ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP WITH GOA LEADERSHIP THAN TO LEAN OVER BACKWARDS TO AVOID ANY CONCEIVABLE ELECTION HELP TO PM.  
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